

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the subparagraph beginning at page 11, lines 4, with the following rewritten subparagraph:

~~phenyl group by~~ phenyl- or naphthyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino wherein the phenyl group may be substituted by 1 or 2 halogen, in particular F or Cl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl ~~may be substituted~~. The amino group may additionally be substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl. Examples of such radicals are benzylamino, 4-methoxybenzylamino, 4-methylbenzylamino, 4-chlorobenzylamino, 3,4-dichlorobenzylamino, 2-phenylethylamino, 1-phenylethylamino, 1-naphth-1-yl-amino 1-naphth-2-ylamino; 1-phenylprop-3-ylamino, 3-phenylpropylamino, 1-(4-isobutylphenyl)ethylamino;

Please replace the subparagraph beginning at page 13, line 1, with the following rewritten subparagraph:

~~-NH-CO-NHR<sup>10</sup>~~ -NH-CO-NHR<sup>10</sup>, in which R<sup>10</sup> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl;

Please replace the Table 1 on page 29 with the following rewritten Table 1:

Compound No.	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) p 38	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) TNF-α	PBMCA IL-1β	K <sub>50</sub> (μM) TNF- α	Whole blood IL-1β
[[25°]] 25a		2.2	0.35		
25b	3.8	2.8	0.30		
25c	8.7	4.6	2.7	7.2	2.2
25d		1.9	0.15		
25e		3.1	0.50		
25f	0.65	0.63	0.108		
25g	0.79	0.64	0.056		
25h	0.83	0.67	0.085	17.3	22.3
25i	0.95	0.50	0.15	14.8	13.3
25j	0.70	0.72	0.23		
25k	0.13	0.34	0.030		
25l	0.24	0.35	0.031	14.9	17.1
25m	0.38	0.16	0.039	2.7	0.99
25n	0.34	0.17	0.041		
25o	0.90	0.37	0.044		
26a		60.0	1.8		
26b	4.2	40.5	2.9		
26c	1.42	3.2	0.20		
26d	0.38	2.7	0.045		
26e		21.0	0.18		
27a		12.0	2.1		
27b	9.3	6.9	2.45		
27c	1.45	2.0	0.47		
27d	0.27	0.91	0.040	10.0	15.7

Please replace the subparagraph beginning at page 34, lines 24, with the following rewritten subparagraph:

**6a** was prepared from ~~6a~~ **5a** (0.50 g; 2.0 mmol) using the method described in the synthesis of **7c**, without alkylation with dimethyl sulfate

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 43, lines 20, with the following rewritten subparagraph:

Using the general method A, the title compound was obtained from **1c** (0.26 g; 0.9 mmol) and **3** (0.16 g; 0.85 mmol) and with addition of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> after a reaction time of 6.5 hours and separation by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub> 60, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOH 9+1). M.p. 224°C

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 56, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A suspension of 4-fluorobenzoic acid (20g, 143 mmol) in thionyl chloride (130 g; 1.1 mol) was stirred under reflux for 6 h: vigorous evolution of gas, clear solution after about 10 min, deepening of the color from yellow to orange. Excess thionyl chloride was removed by distillation (initially atmospheric pressure/40°C, then membrane pump vacuum/40°C). From the distillation residue, 4-fluorobenzoyl chloride was distilled off under membrane pump vacuum at 90°C over a short column. The reaction product crystallized on storing in a fridge ( $n_D^{20}$  1.5315; m.p. 9°C, yield 20g/89%). Freshly distilled triethylamine (29 ml) was added to a suspension of N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (9.0 g; 92 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (75 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then cooled to -10°C. With cooling, 4-fluorobenzoyl chloride (13.5 g; 85 mmol) was, over a period of 6 min, added dropwise to the initial charge. After the addition had ended, cooling was removed and the

reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. The light-brown suspension was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O (100 ml). The organic phase was removed and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (2x). The combined extract was washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried over ~~NaSO<sub>4</sub>~~ Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The oily brown residue crystallized on cooling and scratching. The crude product was dried using an oil pump (residual triethylamine!) and reacted without further purification.